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SUBJ:CCD: JAPANESE WORKING PAPER ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS

REF: GENEVA 3676

1. JAPANESE DEL HAS INFORMED US THEY ARE CONTINUING TO WORK ON PRESENTATION TO CCD WHICH WOULD ELABORATE THEIR VIEWS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS PRODUCTION BAN (REFTEL). THEY HAVE INDICATED THIS WOULD BE IN FORM OF WORKING PAPER CONTAINING OUTLINE OF EITHER COMPLETE DRAFT TREATY OR OF DRAFT TREATY ELEMENTS. WE HAVE IMPRESSION FROM SERIES OF CONTACTS THAT WORKING PAPER MIGHT PROVIDE FAIRLY EXTENSIVE
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VERIFICATION SYSTEM, POSSIBLY INCLUDING CHALLENGE

INSPECTIONS, INTERNATIONAL CONTROL BODY, INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE, AND REQUIREMENT OF DECLARATIONS. JAPANESE HAVE ALSO INDICATED THAT SCOPE OF PROPOSED BAN IS LIKELY TO COVER DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS PRODUCTION OF SUPER-TOXIC AND WORLD WAR 1 TYPE AGENTS, BUT NOT INCAPACITANTS OR RCAS. JAPANESE APPARENTLY FEEL THAT, ASSUMING THEIR PROPOSAL DOES NOT COVER STOCKPILES, IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO CHARGE OF BEING AN INSIGNIFICANT PROPOSAL IF IT COVERED ONLY SUPER-TOXIC AGENTS, I.E., IF IT DID NOT COVER WW 1 TYPE AGENTS AS WELL.

2. OUR GENERAL REACTION TO POSSIBILITY OF JAPANESE SUBMISSION HAS BEEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR GUIDANCE, THAT WE WOULD VIEW A SUBMISSION AND ELABORATION OF THEIR VIEWS ON A CW PARTIAL APPROACH AS A SERIOUS CONTRIBUTION TO CCD'S WORK, WHICH WE COULD WELCOME IN THAT SPIRIT. WE HAVE BEEN CAREFUL, HOWEVER, NOT TO INDICATE TO JAPANESE THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO COMMIT OURSELVES TO ANY PARTICULAR MEASURES AT THIS TIME.

3. EARLY LAST MONTH, IN MEETING WITH OUR STAFF WHICH JAPANESE REQUESTED (REFTEL), QUESTION OF PROHIBITING DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS PRODUCTION, WHICH JAPANESE HAD PROPOSED DURING SPRING SESSION OF CCD, WAS DISCUSSED. NEIDLE (U.S. DEPY REP) POINTED OUT THAT WE NORMALLY DO NOT SEPARATE RESEARCH FROM DEVELOPMENT. HE EXPLAINED THAT R & D ACTIVITIES ARE OF ESPECIALLY LOW VISIBILITY, BY THEIR NATURE, AND THUS RAISE PARTICULARLY ACUTE VERIFICATION PROBLEMS. HE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT, IF A PARTIAL RESTRAINT WERE TO BE FAVORED BY THE U.S., IT WOULD PROBABLY BE OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO US TO MAINTAIN FREEDOM IN THE R & D AREA AS A WHOLE. NEIDLE REPEATED THESE COMMENTS TO AMB NISIBORI IN A SUBSEQUENT INFORMAL CONVERSATION. NISIBORI SAID THAT IF JAPANESE WENT AHEAD WITH THEIR PROPOSAL, HE BELIEVED, IN VIEW OF PAST JAPANESE STATEMENTS, THAT THEY COULD NOT DROP SUGGESTION OF BAN ON DEVELOPMENT.

4. JAPANESE DEL OFF TOLD US RECENTLY THAT THEY MAY POSSIBLY PRESENT THEIR WORKING PAPER AS EARLY AS AUGUST

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21 PLENARY. HE INDICATED THEY HOPED TO CONSULT WITH US ON WORKING PAPER EARLY IN WEEK OF AUGUST 13 AND TO BRIEF OTHER MEMBERS WESTERN GROUP LATER THAT WEEK.

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